In addition to the above, the State of Rajasthan will be allocated share from the following Central Sector Power Projects in the Northern Region which may be commissioned in the Eighth Plan.

Name of Project	Total Installed Capacity (MW)
1. Chamera . .	540 MW
2. Salal HE-II . .	230 MW

New modalities for Power projects by TNPC

2729. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether NTPC is going private sector way;

(b) whether the NTPC is now insisting on the signing of irrevocable power purchase agreement with the beneficiary States before going ahead with the setting up of new power stations;

(c) whether this decision will resolve the current practice of the erecting a Power station first and then working out the modalities of price fixation and power distribution;

(d) whether a model draft has been circulated to various states;

(e) if so, to what extent these proposals have been approved by the State Governments; and

(f) whether some of the States will benefit directly from the World Bank aid to NTPC for 1000 MW extensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (e) The National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is a commercial organisation and strives to organise its business on sound commercial principles. As part of this efforts, NTPC would like to have agreements on the commercial aspects of the sale of bulk power with the prospective buyers in advance of the investment decision in order to eliminate the possibility of disputes arising subsequently. A draft power purchase agreement prepared for this purpose has been circulated but is yet to discussed with the beneficiary States.

(f) Power from Vindhyachal Super Thermal Power Project Stage II (1000 MW) to be financed by the World Bank will be supplied to the beneficiary States of the Western Region, viz., Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu.

Power Generation by a Private Company in Tamil Nadu

2730. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tamil Nadu Government has signed an agreement with a private company to generate power in that State;

(b) if so, the details therof;

(c) what is the agreement reached regrding the purchase rate of Power;

(d) whether the purchase rate of power has been decided by approving any norms; if so, the details therof; and

(e) whether it is also a fact that the foundation stone of the Project has already been laid; if so, the details therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Tamil Nadu Electricity Board have signed Power Purchase